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**To:** NIEHS ICCVAM  
**Subject:** Inhumane Treatment of Animals and Unnecessary Tests

I am writing you today in hopes the torturing of animals will stop with your help.

I want to see the U.S. become the world leader—rather than the weakest link—in the move away from animal testing.

- You should follow the example set by European countries that accept the results of these in vitro methods, alone or in combination, to classify severely irritating and corrosive chemicals, and should eliminate proposals for “confirmatory” testing on animals.
- Your background-review documents should clearly address the limitations of the current animal test for eye irritation, including its subjectivity, reproducibility, and its over- and under-prediction rate. You should not presume to “validate” a non-animal method against an animal test that has never been properly validated itself.
- You should take the time to learn that these tests are being used safely and effectively by the industry today.
- You should stop wasting time and stop setting up obstacles to the acceptance and use of non-animal test methods in the U.S.

This is 2004 almost 2005 every year something new is learned there is obvious non-cruel ways to test products and there is no reason to not use them. Please put an end to torturing and killing defenseless animals they have just as much right to live as anyone else on this earth. It is very disturbing that I have to write a letter explaining the obvious but since I do please do not take this lightly, think about what is going on behind the closed doors of these horrifying labs and have an open mind instead of being so old fashioned and only accepting the old fashion ways of doing things.

It is time to treat animals with respect!

Sincerely,

Lynda Rizzo